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EDITORIAL.

THE Chronicle this year has celebrated its eighth birthday, and it has had some very interesting presents. Contributions have been received from girls in all parts of the School, and their publication has been eagerly anticipated.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. A. C. Bunting, who was one of the Governors of the School. This year we have welcomed two new Governors, Miss Ruegg and Mr. T. W. Orme.

This year our Scholarship Fund has been instituted, and kindly begun by Sir Percival Heywood's donation. On Speech Day he also promised to give a performance of a play in support of this fund: this announcement was received with loud applause. The results of our Garden Fête in the summer showed how enthusiastically everyone worked to follow up Sir Percival Heywood's lead.

The Committee apologise for the lateness of the Chronicle's appearance. Certain contributions were received too late for printing before Christmas.

SCHOOL NOTES.

THE GENERAL BEARING PRIZE

was awarded

In the Autumn Term, 1927 :—Not awarded.

In the Spring Term, 1928 :—To Form V.a.

In the Summer Term, 1928 :—To Form V.a.

FULL PREFECTS AND HOUSE PREFECTS.

In the Autumn Term, these were as follows :—

Head Girl :	S. Harper.
In Apollo :	N. Land, I. Lunn (on probation).
In Jupiter :	S. Harper, G. Phillips (full).
In Mars :	P. Watkins, J. Babb (on probation).
In Neptune :	P. Webster (full), M. Prince, V. Wibberley (on probation).

In the Spring Term, 1928 :—

P. Watkins, N. Land, J. Babb, V. Wibberley, and M. Prince, became full prefects; C. Gilbert and J. Mellor were made prefects on probation.

In the Summer Term, 1928 :—

I. Lunn, C. Gilbert and J. Mellor were full prefects; I. Finney and G. Hambleton were made prefects on probation.

AUTUMN TERM.—1927.

Oct. 10th.—A Lecture on the Assembly of the League of Nations was given by Miss Woodhead.

Nov. 8th and 9th.—Our Stall realized £10 11s. 1d. at the C.M.S. Sale of Work.

Nov. 11th.—A Meeting of the Science Society was held. Papers were read by G. Phillips on "Wireless," and by I. Lunn on "Stars."

Nov. 17th.—Prizegiving was held in the Town Hall.

Dec. 13th.—A Science Society Meeting was held, when Mr. Johnstone gave a Lecture on "Atoms."

Dec. 19th.—A Debate was held, the motion being: "That difference of tongues is an insuperable barrier to international agreement."

Dec. 20th.—The Christmas Party and Old Girls' Reunion.

SPRING TERM.—1928.

Feb. 29th.—A Meeting of the Science Society was held. S. Harper read a paper on "Prehistoric Man," illustrated by lantern slides; and J. Babb read one on "Bacteria."

March 7th.—A French Lecture on "Brittany" was given by Madame La Comtesse de Croze.

March 19th.—A Science Society Meeting was held, and Miss Timberlake gave a Lecture on the "Austrian Tyrol."

March 23rd.—Miss Woodhead and the Staff held an "At Home," when Miss France gave a Lecture to parents on "The Choice of a Career."

SUMMER TERM.—1928.

May 8th.—The School Sports were held.

May 19th.—The Science Society went on an expedition to the Wedgewood Works at Etruria.

June 13th and 14th.—The Garden Fête and Sale of Work was held, in aid of the Scholarship Fund.

June 25th.—A French Competition was held, which was judged by Mrs. Johnstone. The prize was awarded to Form Va. Last year's French Competition, which was omitted from the "Chronicle," was judged by Miss Benoly, and was won by Forms III. and VI.

June 29th.—The School Birthday was again celebrated at the School.

July 3rd.—A Cricket Match was played—School v. Guides.

July 10th.—The House Tennis Matches were played.

July 13th.—A Tennis Match was held—School v. The Staff.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO.

Autumn Term, 1927.—Apollo invited Mars to tea and games.

Spring Term, 1928.—Hockey: Apollo were second in the inter-house matches.

Summer Term.—Sports: Some of our girls won prizes, and Audrey Sutton won the Junior Championship Cup.

At the School Sale of Work we had Fancy Goods and Toilet Stall.

Tennis: N. Land and M. Lyons played for Apollo in the inter-house tournament, and we were second.

Apollo has not had such a successful year as usual. If younger members of the house are more enthusiastic, we should do better this year.

I. LUNN.

JUPITER.

Autumn Term, 1927.—Miss Price became one of our House Mistresses. We were very sorry to say "good-bye" to Miss Pascoe, who became a House Mistress of Mars.

Spring Term, 1928.—The House Hockey matches were played—we were third.

Summer Term, 1928.—We held sewing meetings every week, during which we worked hard for the Fête in June. Jupiter House held the Crockery and Produce Stalls. The Gardening Cup was not awarded.

The House Tennis Tournaments were played. Jupiter was represented by G. Phillips and K. Ball. Again we were third. We have got so used to the third place that it is time we had a change.

J. MELLOR.

G. HAMBLETON.

MARS.

Autumn Term, 1927.—Miss Pascoe and Miss Scotter became our House Mistresses. Apollo invited us to tea and games.

Spring Term, 1928.—The Spring Term was a very successful term for us. Joan Babb was our hockey captain, and we won both the Hockey Cup and the Drill Cup.

We invited Neptune to tea, but the party had to be postponed.

Summer Term, 1928.—In the Relay Race at the Sports, Mars was second. Julia Read won the Senior Championship.

At the Garden Fête and Sale of Work, Mars looked after the Children's Stall and the Sweet Stall.

Joan Babb and Francis Bull represented the House in the Tennis Tournament, and won the Cup.

The Gardening Cup was not awarded this year. The garden has improved and more interest has been taken in it this year, but the paths continue to worry us.

We won the Shield.

PHYLLIS WATKINS.

NEPTUNE.

Spring Term, 1928.—We had a House Party : after tea we played progressive games, which were immensely enjoyed.

Hockey : We were rather unfortunate, as only eleven girls in the House played hockey. In the House matches we lost against Mars and Jupiter, and drew with Apollo. Neptune ! we have never won the Cup ! Is it to be lost again next year ?

Summer Term, 1928.—Miss Carslake became one of our House Mistresses.

At the School Fête we had charge of the Plain Work and Advertisement Stalls.

Tennis : In the Inter-House Tournament, Neptune was fourth. At the end of the term good position badges were awarded to M. Chell and P. Atkinson. M. Chell also won a drill badge.

We congratulate M. Prince on passing her Matriculation Examination.

P. M. WEBSTER.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Town Hall on Thursday, Nov. 17th. Sir Percival Heywood presided over a large gathering of parents and friends ; and Mrs. Kempthorne, wife of the Bishop of Lichfield, came to give away the prizes. After Miss Woodhead had read her report for the year, Mrs. Kempthorne distributed the prizes. She said that the girls of to-day had many more opportunities and advantages than those of the 19th century, and she wondered if they were making the best of them. They should aim at high ideals, and, since the School was so young, they should try to build up a good reputation and worthy traditions.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Kempthorne and the Chairman was proposed by the Vicar and seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

The School choir then gave their selection of songs : "Dirge for the Year" (Horrocks) ; a round in eight parts (Stainer) ; "Vulcan's Song" (Gounod) ; "When Mortals are at Rest" (Horrocks) ; and "I attempt from love's sickness to fly" (Purcell). A "Percussion Band," selected from the Lower School, and conducted by Sheila Dykes, gave a performance of "Alla Turca" (Mozart). Miss Malvern accompanied at the piano, and Miss Timberlake on the violin. The School song, "Heroes," was sung in conclusion.

The following was the Prize list:—Form I.: B. Torrance. Form III.a: B. Griffith; French, N. Moxon. Form IV.b: M. Bagnall, M. Howlett; French and Mathematics, A. Sutton. Form IV.a: N. Beck, V. Roberts. Form V.b: French and Latin, G. Hambleton; Mathematics, F. Bull. Form V.a: Mathematics, B. Wibberley; French, M. Prince; Botany, P. Watkins. Form VI.b: General Work, M. Bull. Form VI.a: Leaving Prizes, Florence Bull, I. Critchlow, B. Prince.

Scripture Prizes: Junior, D. Wood; Senior, Florence Bull.
Drawing: V. Wibberley, M. Bull.
Needlework: Junior, D. Hammersley; Senior, A. Langridge.
Music: S. Dykes.
Domestic Science: M. Charlesworth. A. Langridge.
Geography: M. Hall.
Scott Prizes: I. Lunn, G. Hambleton.
Old Girls' Prize for Reading Aloud: K. Babb.
Merita Prize: Florence Bull.

Examination Results:—Entrance to Newnham College, Cambridge: Florence Bull; Northern Universities' Higher Certificate: I. Critchlow, B. Prince; Cambridge School Certificate: W. Brown, M. Hall (distinction in Geography), I. Lunn, M. Prince, P. Watkins, B. Wibberley; County Minor (C) Scholarships: Frances Bull, N. Beck, C. Eyley, M. Martin.

Associated Board, R.A.M. and R.C.M.:—Class Singing: IV.a and b, Honourable mention; Lower Division: Frances Bull; Elementary Division: H. Berrisford, G. Foster (Honourable mention); Primary Division: B. Dykes, E. Moss.

Royal Drawing Society:—Division I.: Honours 7, Pass 5; II.: Honours 4, Pass 7; III.: Honours 10; IV.: Honours 4, Pass 2; V.: Honours 2, Pass 1; VI.: Pass 1.

House Awards:—Garden Cup: Neptune; Hockey Cup: Apollo; Tennis Cup: Apollo; House Shield: Apollo.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1928.

Higher School Certificate: S. Harper.

London Matriculation: M. Prince.

Cambridge School Certificate: J. Babb, I. Finney, C. Gilbert, G. Hambleton, N. Land, J. Mellor, G. Phillips, and V. Wibberley.

County Minor (C) Scholarships: K. Salt and B. Watson.

SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on May 8th, at 2 p.m., and fortunately we were favoured with fine weather.

Julia Read, of Mars House, was the Senior Champion, obtaining thirty-four points in all. They included five firsts, one second, and one third. Frances Bull was runner-up with seventeen points.

Audrey Sutton, of Apollo House, won the Junior Championship, obtaining six firsts, one second, and one third, thus gaining forty points in all. Dorothy Ball was runner-up with twenty-five points.

The Cross-country race, which was run before Sports' Day, was won by Julia Read, Dorothy Mayfield being second.

The Senior High Jump was won by Frances Bull, the Junior High Jump by Margaret Mellor. The Senior and Junior Long Jumps were won by Kathleen Ball and Dorothy Ball respectively.

The House Relay Race was won by Apollo, Mars being second, while Jupiter and Neptune tied for third place.

Mrs. Ashcroft kindly distributed the prizes.

N. BECK.

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY.

The School Birthday was again spent at School this year. The School was decorated with roses, and everyone wore a rose. We sang the School hymn, "O God our help in ages past," at prayers, and afterwards Miss Woodhead gave a short address.

We were very unfortunate this year as the weather was wet, but in spite of this we enjoyed indoor games and dancing quite as much as games out of doors.

After tea we continued to play games until we ended a very happy School Birthday by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The School's Birthday present this year was the money from the Sale of Work, which inaugurated our Scholarship Fund.

GAMES.—HOCKEY.

Although we have not shone in outside matches, our team has pulled well together, and I think it has shown a considerable improvement. The results of the matches were as follows :—

School	v. Leek	(draw)	No goals being scored.
"	v. Ashbourne	(lost)	6—0
"	v. Burton	(lost)	2—1
"	v. Derby	(lost)	4—0
"	v. Ashbourne	(lost)	5—0
"	v. The Staff	(lost)	4—1
"	v. Old Girls	(won)	7—0

Our team was mainly composed of younger players last season owing to the loss of many of our older ones, including the captain and vice-captain; but with practice we expect a promising future for our School XI.

The School XI. consisted of:—(G.), G. Phillips; (R.B.), J. Read; (L.B.), P. Webster; (R.H.), L. Atkin; (C.H.), J. Babb; (L.H.), N. Beck; (R.W.), F. Bull; (R.I.), A. Sutton; (C.F.), M. Prince; (L.I.), I. Lunn; (L.W.), D. Mayfield.

Colours were awarded to J. Babb.

The result of the Inter-House Matches in the Spring Term was:—1. Mars; 2. Apollo; 3. Jupiter; 4. Neptune.

TENNIS.

No outside matches were played this season, but the School played the Staff. The result was: School, 5 matches; Staff, 4 matches. The School was represented by: (1) G. Phillips and M. Lyons; (2) J. Babb and N. Land; (3) P. Webster and D. Mayfield (who took the place of H. Walker).

A House Tournament was played at the end of the Summer Term, and the couples were: Apollo, N. Land and M. Lyons; Jupiter, G. Phillips and K. Ball; Mars, J. Babb and H. Walker; Neptune, P. Webster and M. Martin. The final result was: (1) Mars; (2) Apollo; (3) Jupiter; (4) Neptune.

G. PHILLIPS (Captain).

GIRL GUIDES

(1st Uttoxeter Company.)

The year 1928 has been an eventful one for Guides. We began the year with thirteen girls, and have now twenty-one Guides in the Company. The Brownie Pack has also rapidly increased its number.

At the beginning of the year the Guides worked for badges, the examinations being taken during the Spring Term.

In the Summer Term the bi-annual competition for the Division Shield took place. Later in the term we entertained the other Companies in the Division in the School Grounds. We had sports and competitions, followed by a short entertainment. At the end of the term the 1st Stramshall Guides invited us to spend an evening with them, and we had a very jolly time.

During the Christmas Term, we spent most of our evenings rehearsing for a concert, which we gave at the end of the term in aid of the School Scholarship Fund, as a result of which we collected £4 10s. at the two performances.

P. B. WALKER.

OUR GUIDE EVENING.

On July 4th, we invited the other Guides to spend the evening with us at School. The weather was fine while we had rounders, sports, and a treasure hunt, but as it began to rain we spent the evening indoors. After refreshments, Miss Beck presented the prizes for the Sports, and the shield, which was won by the 3rd Company. We then had a sing-song, and several of us gave two sketches. We finished up with 'Taps,' after a very enjoyable evening.

KATHLEEN SALT (Harebell Patrol).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Committee for the past year was as follows:—Staff Representative, Miss Windrow; President, S. Harper; Secretary, P. Webster; I. Lunn, M. Prince.

The first meeting of the Society took place on Dec. 19th, the motion being:—"That difference of tongues is an insuperable barrier to international agreement." M. Prince opened on the affirmative and was seconded by V. Wibberley. P. Watkins, who was the opener on the negative, was seconded by J. Babb. Emphasis was laid on the fact that difference of tongues was formerly a barrier to international agreement, but not in these days of modern inventions. When the debate was thrown open to the House several members of the Staff, but only one girl spoke. The motion was lost by a large majority.

On April 2nd, 1928, an Impromptu Debate was held. The subjects were:—

- (1) That Athletics are detrimental to the modern girl;
- (2) That the girl of to-day is superior in outlook and character to the girl of a hundred years ago;
- (3) That the age of chivalry is dead.

Although the speakers were quite unprepared, several spoke very well, and sometimes in an amusing way. The Debates revealed that many girls could speak creditably, once their self-consciousness was overcome.

P. M. WEBSTER (Hon. Sec.).

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

During the past year the Society has gained greatly in prestige, and the interest of the School has been strengthened. The first meeting was held on November 11th, when P. Webster was elected treasurer of the Society, and it was decided that there should be an annual subscription of sixpence. A paper on "stars" was read by I. Lunn, in which she gave a general description of the planets, in particular, Venus and Mars; the comets, including Donates Comets; the stars proper and their various names (e.g., the Great Bear, which resembles a waggon and of which the single shaft points to the Pole Star); and finally, the Milky Way, consisting of clusters of stars which are so distant that they cannot be distinguished with the naked eye. Another paper was read at the same meeting by G. Phillips on "Wireless," in which she showed the wonders of that invention, its ability to capture sound waves without the medium of wires, the marvellous properties of ether, and the component parts of a wireless set. She concluded with an attempt at a realisation of the world value of wireless.

The second meeting of the Society was held on December 13th, when Mr. Johnstone gave a lecture on "Atoms," illustrated by diagrams. He explained how matter is made up of molecules (different matter being of different density because of the nearness of one molecule to another), and how molecules are each made up of a number of atoms. Molecules are of different sizes, but atoms are always the same in size. Finally he added that an atom, though of infinitesimal character, could be broken up into even smaller parts, each part having a definite make-up.

The third meeting of the Society was held on February 29th. J. Babb read a paper on "Bacteria," explaining their composition and use in the plant world; and S. Harper read a paper on "Prehistoric Man" (illustrated by lantern slides), in which she showed the development of man from Pithecanthropus, the Piltdown man, the Neanderthal, the Cromagnon, and so to the man who lived in the early civilizations of Europe, Egypt and Greece.

On March 19th, Miss Timberlake gave a lecture on a "Regional Study of the Austrian Tyrol" (illustrated by lantern slides). She explained the geological formation of the region,

discussed its natural vegetation, leading on to the human conditions and activities, which were described with some detail, being of an interesting character.

On May 19th, an expedition was made by the members of the Society to the Wedgwood Pottery Works at Etruria.

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 27th, and the committee for the following year was elected. Miss Windrow and Miss Timberlake were re-elected; G. Phillips was elected Chairman; M. Prince, Secretary; and G. Hambleton, Treasurer. This was the last meeting of the Society during the year.

G. PHILLIPS (Hon. Sec.).

THE SCHOOL FÊTE.

On Wednesday, June 13th, and Thursday, June 14th, a Fête and Sale of Work were held in aid of the Scholarship Fund. We were all very keen to make the Fête a success, and sewing parties were organised beforehand by each House.

When the great day arrived the stalls, which were decorated in blue and orange alternately, were laden with articles of all descriptions. Each House was responsible for a stall:—

Apollo: Fancy Goods; Toilet and Stationery.

Jupiter: Crockery; Garden Produce.

Mars: Sweets; Children's Stall.

Neptune: Plain Goods; Advertisement Stall.

The Staff and House Prefects presided at the stalls.

Wednesday, June 13th, was gloriously fine, so the Fête was held in the School grounds. Mrs. Knights Smith kindly consented to open the bazaar, and soon articles began to disappear from the stalls. The Dancing Class gave a display on the lawn early in the afternoon, and various competitions were soon in full swing on the Hockey Field—Clock Golf, Bowling for a Pig, a Treasure Hunt, a Bran Tub, a Hat-Trimming Competition for men only, were all very much enjoyed, and proved to be very popular. Concerts were given in the Assembly Hall, and were much appreciated. Scenes from "Winnie the Pooh," by A. A. Milne, were acted by some of the younger members of the School. The Old Girls were responsible for the catering, teas and suppers being served by them in the School.

We were extremely disappointed when the second day of the Fête proved to be hopelessly wet. All arrangements were carried on in the School, the stalls being set out in the different class-rooms which had been cleared for the purpose. The opening

ceremony was performed by the Hon. Mrs. Gretton. The concerts for the previous day were repeated, and in spite of the undesirable weather the event was most enjoyable and successful. We all went home tired but happy, and we were all extremely pleased when we heard that the Fête had realized the sum of £155.

J. MELLOR.

SCHUBERT, 1797—1828.

Franz Schubert was the son of a poor schoolmaster in Vienna, but he showed his love for music when he was very young, and his parents helped him as much as possible. When he was only 5 years old his father taught him how to play the violin, and an elder brother gave him lessons in pianoforte playing, until they could teach him nothing more. Then at the age of 7 he was sent to the choirmaster of the parish church for a few years, after which he entered the chief music school at Vienna.

Before he was 13 years of age he had begun to compose, and before he was 17 he had written a symphony. Because he was very poor he had to teach in order to earn a little money, and even then it was difficult to obtain music paper on which to write his melodies. Although his genius was recognised, the publishers would not print any of his works until after he was 24. He wrote nearly every kind of music, but he is chiefly remembered for his songs.

It is now a hundred years since Schubert died at the early age of 31, and the centenary has been celebrated with much circumstance, especially in Vienna. Many talks on Schubert's life and works, and songs composed by him, have been broadcast, enabling many people to take part in the celebration.

In our own School, we celebrated Schubert's Centenary on Speech Day, November 8th, when we sang songs composed by him:—"Forth to the Meadows," "To Music," "Lay of the Imprisoned Huntsman," "Who is Sylvia?" and "Coronach."

M. A. PRINCE.

LA CONFÉRENCE DE MADAME LA COMTESSE DE CROZE SUR LA BRETAGNE.

Le 7 mars, 1928, Madame la Comtesse de Croze nous a parlé de la Bretagne. Elle montrait de tableaux qui représentaient les paysans qui demeurent en Bretagne. Il y avait une vieille femme qui portait "une coiffe du diable," car cette coiffure paraissait avoir deux cornes.

Notre conférencière disait que les gens de la Bretagne gardent fidèlement les coutumes et les robes du passé. Ils sont très superstitieux, et ils racontent des légendes qui leur ont été racontées par leurs mères et leurs grand'mères.

Une de ces légendes parle d' une image d' un saint à laquelle les filles attachent des épingles. Si l' épingle est là le lendemain, la fille connaît qu'elle se mariera.

Dans les villages pêcheurs il y a toujours des cimetières avec des tombeaux qui restent ouverts. Les villageois pensent que les revenants des pêcheurs noyés viendront entrer dans leurs tombeaux pour s' y coucher.

Les Bretons portent de robes brodées. Il y a longtemps les hommes brodaient leurs robes, mais aujourd'hui les jeunes hommes ne l'aiment pas, et les belles robes deviennent usées, et nous ne les verrons plus.

La Bretagne est un pays féérique, et on peut la comparer avec un visage. Paris est l'œil de la France, et la Bretagne en est le nez.

Nous nous sommes beaucoup jouis de cette conférence, et nous espérons que Madame la Comtesse de Croze viendra nous parler encore une fois.

G. HAMBLETON.

" KING JOHN."

On November 22nd a number of our girls went to see the production of "King John" at Denstone College. It was an excellent performance of the annual Shakesperean play.

We started from Uttoxeter about 5.20 p.m., going by 'bus. It was the first time many of us had been to the College, so that we were very interested in the building. The play began at 6 p.m., and all eyes were fixed on the stage, waiting for the curtain to rise. The whole play was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, but the universal favourite, I think, was J. Prime, who took the part of Arthur.

After the performance supper was handed round to us, and we arrived home about 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable evening.

VERA ROBERTS.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

AUTUMN TERM.

The meeting for the Autumn Term was held on November 24th. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Miss Budgen proposed that the Society should adopt

the badge, as specified by Messrs. Fattorini, at 4/2 each for the first consignment of 108, and offered to advance the initial cost in order that it should not be a charge on the funds of the Society.

Miss M. Beck resigned the Secretaryship of the Society, and Miss W. Hardy was elected in her place. Miss Kent was re-elected as Treasurer.

The following Old Girls were elected as House Secretaries : Apollo, Miss Howkins ; Jupiter, Miss M. Price ; Mars, Miss M. Papworth ; Neptune, Miss K. Tibbits.

Miss K. Hardy, Miss M. Papworth, Miss K. Tibbits, and Miss D. Webb were elected as tea committee. Miss K. Copestake, Miss D. Kent, Miss K. Orme, Miss Walker and Miss G. Wilks, were elected as dance committee.

It was decided that the arrangements for the Annual Social Re-union on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, should be as last year in the hands of the Prefects and the Old Girls' tea committee. It was proposed by Miss K. Orme, and seconded by Miss G. Wilks, that the Dance should in future be held in November instead of after Christmas.

Miss Woodhead announced that a two days' Fête would be held next summer, probably in June, to raise money for a School Scholarship Fund, and asked the Society to be responsible for the refreshments. It was agreed, on the proposal of Miss H. Tatlow, and seconded by Miss G. Wilks, that the Old Girls should undertake this.

SPRING TERM.

The spring meeting was held on March 30th, when Miss Woodhead spoke to us about her visit to Geneva and the League of Nations. After tea there was a short business meeting, at which Miss Woodhead said that the badge sent by Messrs. Fattorini was so unsuitable and ugly that it had been returned.

The refreshment committee for the Fête was elected. The tea committee, assisted by the Misses D. Kent, G. Wilks, M. Bull, K. Copestake, K. Orme, A. Langridge, L. Bagshaw, H. Tatlow, H. Stevenson and H. Wood.

SUMMER TERM.

A summer meeting was not held this year owing to the School Fête being held in June.

W. HARDY (Hon. Sec.).

WOOD NORTON CAMP, 1928.

From August 7th to 17th of this year I was lucky enough to be able to go to a University Women's camp for schoolgirls. By camp I do not mean we slept under canvas, but that we slept in a building, having most of our meals out-of-doors. There were thirty-eight campers and thirteen officers at camp, all coming from different parts of the British Isles, the range being (north to south) from Scotland to Kent, and (east to west) Anglesea to near Ipswich.

The nearest town was Evesham, which was three miles from the place where we were staying. This was a boys' preparatory school, which was originally built for the Duke of Orleans, and had tapestry and oak panelling on all the walls, and had all polished floors.

The girls at camp were divided into eight dormitories, so that girls from the same schools were separated. All competitions that we had were done in dormitories. Each evening we had a 'sing-song' given by the dormitories in turns; these caused great amusement. We went for several rambles and excursions, including one to Stratford-on-Avon, where we saw Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage.

We played many games, including matches of tennis, netball and cricket. There was also a large open-air swimming pool, in which we bathed and also had swimming sports and a water-polo match. One of the new games I played was "sardines," which, I learnt, is always played on the last night of these happy camps.

One of the greatest joys of my holiday was the weather, which was lovely for nine days out of the ten I was away.

FRANCIS BULL.

THE CHINA CAT.

The China Cat lived on Granny's mantel-shelf. It sat watching Sue as she dusted the room. Presently the door opened and Granny came in, sitting down on a chair by the door. Her face looked anxious and sad.

"Granny, what did he say?"

"Dear, he was so cruel. If I can't pay by next week we shall have to move."

She sank back and buried her face in her hands. Sue stood watching her. She knew how hard it would be for them both to have to leave the little cottage where they had lived so long and

been so happy. And it was not Granny's fault that she could not pay the rent. If only they had found Grandfather's will! They knew he had left one, but it must have been lost or destroyed, for there were no traces of it.

Sue moved across to the mantel-shelf, and began to dust the quaint little ornaments. Soon she came to the china cat. She lifted it and passed the duster gently over it. Then it slipped. She made a clutch at it, but in vain. It dropped on the fender, there was a crash, and the cat broke in half.

Granny looked up, startled. Then she went across to Sue. From the largest half of the cat she drew a paper. It was Grandfather's will, leaving Granny more money than she had ever possessed before.

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Some days later, Granny and Sue sat side by side in the in cottage—their very own now. The mended cat stood in its old place, and the sun shone in upon them and it, filling the room with a radiant peace.

E. CAUSER.

A SPRING SONG

(Awarded the prize in the Junior Poetry Competition).

The kiss of Spring has woken up
Each sweetly sleeping bud,
Each opens out its lovely cup
And bursts forth into bloom.
The Spring has come for it's soon seen
That everything is turning green.

The hedge beside the dusty lane
Is bursting forth its shoots,
Then softly falls the gentle rain
And washes off the dust.
The Spring has brought refreshing rain
With sunshine warm to dry again.

O'er every green and flow'ring field
The sun is shining now,
For winter grey was forced to yield
And let the sun shine through.
So Spring has had its own sweet way
And Winter's given place to May.

PEGGY ATKINSON
(Aged 12 years 6 months).

MY MOTHER

(Awarded the prize for the Senior Poetry Competition).

I never knew until I saw her dead
 How beautiful my mother's life had been,
 Her goodly face and shapely moulded head,
 Her long straight hair of shining silver sheen,
 Her rounded arms which now lay at her side,
 Her cool white hands which she had used of yore,
 And all the other beauteous things beside
 All spoke of that sweet life which now was o'er.

She always was so quiet in her life,
 Her presence in the room was never known,
 Upon some gentle service bent, the wife
 Would not serenely work upon her own.
 And now that kindly life was over, and
 We must hope that soon we'll join her hand.

NORAH BROOKS

(Aged 14 years 2 months).

SONG OF THE WIND.

At night the wind came sweeping
 O'er the foothills,
 Wildly moaning and weeping,
 Making ripples in the rills,
 And in the castle ruins, near
 The heath, it moaned
 Like ghosts that float and peer
 'Bout the turrets. It groaned
 Throughout the desolate night,
 Tuning to the pine-trees' sway.
 And when at last the daylight
 Came, o'er the hills it died away.

Y. UNDERWOOD

(Aged 11 years).

SCHOOL.

What do we gain from School? You
 ask,
 Never to hide behind a mask
 Of dishonesty, falsehood or deceit,
 For in life these faults are sure to
 meet.
 Our training we get for later life,
 And a public spirit which banishes
 strife.
 In judgment we learn to be wise and
 cool
 We gain many a life-long friend from
 School.

What do we give to School? You ask,
 Strict attention to every task,
 Sincerity in every action
 Of loyalty, the utmost fraction.
 Tradition is left for us to make,
 And our energy use for others' sake.
 Then in later years when our lives
 we rule,
 We'll give grateful thoughts and
 thanks to School.

I. H. FINNEY
(Aged 17 years).

THE FIRE OF LONDON.

It was upon a frosty morn,
When my servant looked forlorn,
She came to me in night attire
And said, "The Barber's shop's on
fire."

Out of bed I quickly alighted,
And out in the streets where all were
frighted,
Up in the street, and higher and
higher
Everything was set on fire.

The fire spread from place to place,
A horrid sight for human face,
The fire spread to Pauley's spire,
When she also turned to fire.

For three whole days the fire burned,
And many sad faces then were
turned
To the homes they had so dearly
earned,
And never to lose them had they
yearned.

At last it ceased with many crashes,
And nothing was left except for ashes :
A happy thought occurred to Wren,
And old St. Paul's was built again.

M. MILLINGTON
(Aged 13 years).

A SPRING SONG.

O, to rise at the break of day to the call of the Spirit of Spring,
With her breath in the air and her tears on the grass, and her smile on
everything ;
When the brown little thrush is hailing the morn, and the lambs are
beginning to play,
And the sunbeams are chasing the last little clouds—the Night's dark tresses
—away.

O, to race through the dashing rain, through the petulant tears of Spring,
When the woods are sighing their sympathies, and the streams their sadness
sing,
And then to feel the boisterous wind chase the gloom and the shadows
away—
This is to know the secret of joys, the heart of a real Spring day.

G. HAMBLETON
(Aged 17 years).

FOXGLOVES.

My Lady Foxglove dresses
 In purple frills and ruffles green,
 On a cushion of grey green leaves she stands,
 Tiptoe, o'er the hedge to lean.
 She gaily nods her head to the breeze,
 She whispers to the stars at night,
 She seems as though she loves to scorn
 The flowers at her feet, asleep till morn,
 The daises who wake with the morning light.

She's very proud and stately,
 But for years, you see, she's been
 Glove-maker to the elfin folk,
 To the fairy courtiers' queen.
 Her coldness must be overlooked,
 It would be dreadful if she tried
 Round hedgerow brambles to entwine,
 Like the scented wild woodbine,
 For that, she's far too dignified.

C. EYLEY
 (Aged 16 years).

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

MARRIAGE.

WISE—WILKS. November 10th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church,
 Uttoxeter, Hubert Victor Wise, of Blantyre, Nyasaland, to
 Frances Marjorie Wilks, M.P.S., of Ladbroke House, Uttoxeter.